

## **Cabinet Mountains Wilderness**

### **Trail Report 8/29/14**

- **North Fork Bull River, Trail #972:** (7/27) Trail has been cleared. Be advised road #2722 is washed out at the junction of road #410. This adds approximately 1.5 miles to the hike.
- **Middle Fork Bull River, Trail #978:** (8/28) Trail has been cleared. Expect areas of narrow tread and heavy brush in the Wilderness. There was an avalanche in Ibex Lake leaving heavy blowdown, debris, and obliterating some of the campsites in the basin at the Northside of the lake. Be advised road #2722 is washed out at the junction of road #410 adding approximately .75 miles to the hike.
- **Dad Peak, Trail #987:** (7/18) Trail has been cleared. Road #2289 (gated) has areas of heavy brush but the single-track trail is in good condition.
- **Devil's Club, Trail #966:** (8/24) Trail has been cleared and maintained to the Wilderness Boundary. From the Wilderness Boundary to Dad Peak expect some blowdown, narrow tread and brush. Makes for a "wild" hiking experience!
- **St. Paul Lake, Trail #646:** (8/01) Trail has been cleared and maintained.
- **Moran Basin, Trail #993:** (8/04) Trail has been cleared.
- **Chicago Peak:** (8/24) Trail is not maintained. Trailhead is accessible. Road #2741 is rough, a 4wd vehicle is recommended.
- **Rock Lake, Trail #935:** (7/27) Trail has been cleared and maintained.
- **Engle Lake, Trail #932:** (7/24) Trail has been cleared and maintained to the Lake and Peak.
- **Engle Peak, Trail #926:** Cleared in 2013, WILL NOT be cleared in 2014. Areas of narrow tread and brush.
- **Wanless Lake, Trail #924:** (8/08) Trail has been cleared to the junction with Goat Ridge #921. From the ridgeline into the basin there is

blowdown, some of which may be difficult for stock to get around after the first Upper Lake. Road #1022 to the trailhead has been graded and is in good condition.

- **Bear Paw, Trail #923:** (7/28) Trail has been cleared.
- **Goat Ridge, Trail #921:** (7/28) Trail has been cleared from the junction with Bear Paw #923 to the Wanless Lake junction #924.
- **Buck Lake and Lost Buck Pass, Trail #912 (Swamp Creek):** (8/08) Trail has been cleared approximately 6.5 miles up, a few blowdown expected after this point. Be advised there is a snowslide in the Wilderness area approximately 1/3 mile South of Buck Lake that has not yet been cleared, it is messy but accessible.
- **South Divide Trail, Trail #360:** Trail has not been cleared. Expect blowdown, heavy brush, and areas of little tread. Junction with trail #912 has been obliterated by blowdown from winter snowslide and can be difficult to find.

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